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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi	
COUNTY: Hinds	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-23-0003	DATE 11/25/69

1. NAME	
COMMON: The New Capitol	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Fronting Mississippi Street, between North President and North West			
CITY OR TOWN: Jackson			
STATE Mississippi	CODE 23	COUNTY: Hinds	CODE 049

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) RECEIVED 69-23-0003

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Public ownership			
STREET AND NUMBER: State of Mississippi			
CITY OR TOWN: Jackson	STATE: Mississippi	CODE 23	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hinds County Chancery Court Building			
STREET AND NUMBER: 316 South President Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Jackson	STATE: Mississippi	CODE 23	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: WPA Historical Research Project, "Source Material for Mississippi History" - Hinds County"			
DATE OF SURVEY: ca. 1938 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Mississippi Department of Archives and History			
STREET AND NUMBER: 120 North State Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Jackson	STATE: Mississippi	CODE 23	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main facade of the New Capitol faces the south, with the south portico centering with Congress Street. The style of the building is that of Beaux Arts Classicism and is designed on the order of pavilions connected by wings. The pavilions are provided with porticos and arcades. The exterior walls of the building are of Bedford limestone, and the base course is of Georgia granite.

The New Capitol's main vestibule is constructed entirely of Blue Vermont marble on a base of Black Belgian marble. The central rotunda is of Italian marble with trimmings of black marble. Friezes and columns of scagliola lead to an elaborately decorated dome, supported at four points with marble niches designed as receptacles for statuary, developing into massive free columns in the second story to the frieze line of the dome. The legislative halls, located in the two extreme points of the third story are built upon marble and scagliola, both with dome-shaped ceilings of oxidized copper, stucco and stained glass. The central dome is surmounted by a 15' x 8' copper eagle, coated with gold leaf.

The only repairs of any consequence on the New Capitol since its erection were accomplished in 1934-35, when the interior was generally repaired and redecorated.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1903-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Work on the New Capitol began in 1901, and the building was completed in 1903. Since that time, it has been the seat of the Mississippi State Government. Many of Mississippi's 20th century Congressmen and prominent state political officials have served in the New Capitol in one of the three branches of state government.

The State House Commission, established in 1900 to supervise construction of the Capitol, secured the advisory services of Barnard R. Green, contractor and builder of Washington, D. C., who had erected the Library of Congress building in Washington. The architect selected by the State House Commission was Theodore C. Link, St. Louis, Missouri. The design, selected from fourteen entries submitted, is typical of its era and is based on that of the National Capitol. When completed, it was considered an outstanding example of pure renaissance classic architecture. Link, a native of Heidelberg, Germany, also designed the Union Station, as well as other buildings in St. Louis, Missouri.

One of the New Capitol's most distinguished visitors was General Douglas C. MacArthur, who addressed a joint session of the Mississippi Legislature on the steps of the building on March 22, 1952.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Proceedings Connected with Laying the Corner Stone of Mississippi's New State House in the City of Jackson on June 3rd, 1903.
(Jackson: Tucker Printing House, 1903), 69-87, passim.

Souvenir of Mississippi. (Jackson, 1963), 10-13.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	32 ° 19 ' 4 "	90 ° 11 ' 56 "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	32 ° 19 ' 3 "	90 ° 11 ' 39 "				
SE	32 ° 18 ' 48 "	90 ° 11 ' 42 "				
SW	32 ° 18 ' 51 "	90 ° 11 ' 58 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 11.2 - includes entire block.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Elbert Hilliard, Curator of History

ORGANIZATION: Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE: October 11, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
120 North State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson

STATE: Mississippi

CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

R. G. McNamee

Title

Director, Miss. Dept. of
Archives and History

Date

October 14, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 25 1969

Date

ATTEST:

William J. Mustangh
Keeper of The National Register

NOV 7 1969

Date

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